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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Social Science Research Group Procedures

1. I discussed the SSRG procedures with Ed Wetter and particularly the requirements for circulation of annotated lists of internal research. I showed Wetter the SEC, EIC, NIS and OIR/State reports on internal research. These seemed to him to adequately fill the bill insofar as political, social, cultural, economic (Soviet Bloc), economic (non-Soviet Bloc), scientific and technical, and basic intelligence went.

2. With regard to the DDI's suggestion that major proposals be defined, that is, in terms of an amount above which a project would be determined to be major, Wetter advised that in Defense they had gone through this argument time and time again. He stated that their experience led them to oppose any suggested definition for major proposals on the basis that flexibility is necessary, that is, a \$1,000 project may have more wide spread interest than a \$10,000 project, etc.

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